

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District

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ERICD Board Meeting

June 8, 2010

7:15 PM

Chairman Walter Elwell called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Present were: Directors Walter Elwell, Emerson Wildes, Richard Hart, Suzanne Hourihan and Ron Mucci; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee. Melissa Hayden, NRCS.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's: Approved as presented.

B. Chair: NASDA is conducting a survey in Little Compton. FSA will be using office on 6/15-17. Paul Brule has been given a key and requested that the air conditioner be installed. He will supply ink cartridge to printer.

C. Directors:

Dick Hart: Dick attended Tiverton Town Council meeting at which

CRMC presented 2 applications for aquaculture permits. Speakers were largely opposed to aquaculture and TC voted to send a response letter to CRMC strongly opposing the permits. The need to get notice of such meetings to advocates of aquaculture, such as the CD, DEM and NRCS was discussed.

Tiverton has EWP application in progress.

Ron Mucci: Ron is talking to Connie Lima about a series of films to be presented in the fall as a joint effort between ERICD and Tiverton Land Trust.

Emerson Wildes: Will bring report on Sakonnet Winery to next meeting.

Suzanne Hourihan: Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth are progressing with EWP applications.

D: NRCS: Summary report distributed. NRCS will be leaving a truck in ERICD lot for use when in area. A request was made to have DC's report include funds allocated to ERICD for each program.

III. Old Business

A. Aquaculture: Walter received an email regarding possible site in Jamestown. Continued opposition has resulted in little progress being made.

B. Letter to SCC: A motion was made to send letter as written, motion passed with one abstention.

C. Office Use Log: Shows frequent use by NRCS and FSA during preceding month.

D. DIRT: Previously discussed.

E. EWP: Previously discussed.

IV. New Business

A. Bills: Payment of internet bill and a reimbursement to Walter for miscellaneous expenses was approved.

B. 3 Month Reorganization Report: A motion was made to distribute ERICD meeting minutes after they are approved if SCC requests a network wide distribution: Emerson/Dick, unanimous.

There were no suggestions for changes to the reorganization policy presented.

C. Annual Dinner: Walter asked Board to bring ideas for locations, date and entertainment for annual dinner to July meeting. Emerson suggested forming a committee to develop an up to date mailing list for invitations and volunteered to serve on it.

D. Public Field Day: Discussion was held about holding a field day next summer at a local farm as a publicity vehicle for the CD.

Ron is going to get date of Pardon Gray Day by next meeting, possible opportunity for CD outreach.

V. Other

The RI Ag Council will publish a newsletter and has offered members opportunity to put a listing with contact information in it. Emerson

made a motion for Ramona to compose listing, seconded by Suzanne, unanimous.

Directors will be paid \$20 for each CD meeting attended since last payments were issued.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:04: Suzanne/Ron: unanimous.